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A lot of hot air?

Parents likely to face charges over balloon 'hoax': Sheriff

The story that a little boy had floated away in a giant helium balloon was a hoax concocted to land a reality television show, authorities said yesterday, and the boy's parents will likely face felony charges.

The stunt two weeks in the planning was a marketing ploy by Richard and Mayumi Heene, who met in acting school in Hollywood and have appeared on the ABC reality show Wife Swap, Larimer County Sheriff Jim Alderden said in Colorado. The Heenes have reportedly been working on a reality TV deal in Los Angeles.

Investigators are examining the possibility of other conspirators, "including the possibility that … some of the media outlets may have had some knowledge about this," Alderden said.

Documents show that a media outlet has agreed to pay money to the Heenes with regards to the balloon incident, Alderden said. He didn't name the media outlet, but said it was a show that blurs "the line between entertainment and news." It wasn't clear whether the deal was signed before or after the alleged hoax, or whether that media outlet was a possible conspirator.

Six-year-old Falcon Heene may not have even been hiding in the family's garage during the five-hour search for him Thursday, Alderden said.

"For all we know he may have been two blocks down the road playing on the swing in the city park," the sheriff said.

The incident temporarily shut down Denver International Airport and caused the National Guard to scramble two helicopters in an attempt to rescue the boy, who was believed inside the balloon that hurtled more than 80 kilometres across two counties.

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False report?

- Sheriff Jim Alderden said he expected to recommend charges of conspiracy, contributing to the delinquency of a minor, making a false report to authorities and attempting to influence a public servant. Federal charges were also possible.

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Falcon Heene, 6, is shown outside his home Thursday in Fort Collins, Colo., after he came out of hiding. When the balloon landed without the boy in it, officials thought he had fallen out. In fact, the balloon — which was held together with duct tape — would not have been able to launch with the 37-pound boy inside, said a Colorado State University physics professor.

'Disturbing' sex assault prompts warning

KIMBERLY SHEARON
for Metro Vancouver

Police have issued a public warning after a "disturbing" and "particularly violent" sexual assault in Vancouver's West End early yesterday morning.

At around 12:30 a.m., a 24-year-old Vancouver woman was walking past Hastings Mill Park when a man attacked her from behind, said Const. Jana McGuinness of the Vancouver Police Department.

The woman was punched in the head and face before being dragged toward the centre of the park.

After a violent struggle, the woman was taken behind the park's playground set and sexually assaulted.

"This is a violent, unprovoked attack on a stranger … we can't minimize the severity of it," McGuinness said.

The woman managed to fight off her attacker, who fled the scene.

"It appears to be a crime of opportunity at this point. There were a lot of people in the area, so we don't know how or why this woman was targeted," McGuinness said.

Janet Lindsay, who has lived across from the park for 20 years, said this is the first incident of its kind to occur in the area.

"Now I'd think twice about walking the dog there alone at night," she said.

The attacker, who was dressed in a hooded sweatshirt and jeans, is described as five-foot-five to five-foot-eight with a medium skin tone and build. He also had a distinct British accent.

Premier touting B.C., Olympics on Today Show

APPEARANCE Premier Gordon Campbell is making a television appearance on a major U.S. network this morning to promote the province and the forthcoming 2010 Games.

Campbell, who is heading to Greece for the official lighting of the Olympic Flame (Thursday), will stop in New York and will again appear on NBC's Today Show, at 8:30 a.m.

Campbell chatted with Al Roker at the chalet-themed pavilion B.C.-Canada Place during the Torino Games. And in 2008, at the Beijing Summer Olympics, he sat down with Matt Lauer and Meredith Viera.

During the 2010 Games the Today Show will be broadcast from Grouse Mountain.

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People said they wanted a revolution

Soundtrack For A Revolution won the Rogers People's Choice Award at the Vancouver International Film Festival. The movie, by Bill Guttentag, tells the story of the American civil rights movement through its powerful music. It features new performances of the freedom songs by John Legend, left, Joss Stone, Wyclef Jean and The Roots among others.

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News in brief

WORKERS Traffic along Pacific Boulevard under the Granville Street Bridge may be slower than usual starting today, as workers are closing some of the lanes to work under the bridge. The work is expected to last five weeks.

SHOT Police have identified a man shot to death in his car in Burnaby as Chu Ka "Jonathan" Chang. The 27-year-old Vancouver man was killed in the early afternoon of Oct. 14.

ROCK British rock legends Def Leppard have cancelled the last part of their North American concert tour — including their Vancouver show — due to "unforeseen circumstances." The band was set to play Pacific Coliseum on Oct. 27.

RAIN Vancouverites are being asked to help keep curbside drains clear of fallen leaves after heavy rains on the weekend. With more rain expected this week, roads could flood if catch-basin grates are clogged.

OLYMPIC The Canadian Union of Public Employees is calling for VANOC to be audited after it revealed it plans to give Olympic employees $30 million in bonuses after the Games. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Hollow Tree to get extension?

Group expected to be given 3 months to restore Stanley Park landmark

KIMBERLY SHEARON
for Metro Vancouver

The city's park board is expected to give the Stanley Park Hollow Tree Conservation Society — which faces a $32,000 shortfall — one last chance tonight to save what might be Vancouver's most famous tree.

A staff recommendation by the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation proposes that the society be given a final three-month extension to complete restoration of Stanley Park's Hollow Tree.

"The Society's challenges with their fundraising efforts and construction delays have prolonged the unsightly, under-construction image of the Hollow Tree stabilization work area in Stanley Park," the recommendation's summary reads.

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The tree is actually the hollowed trunk of a seven-centuries-old Western Red Cedar and is one of Vancouver's best-known tourist attractions.

Windstorms in December 2006 heavily damaged soils at the tree's base and accelerated its degradation.

In 2008, the park board approved removal of the tree, which now lists at an 11-degree angle, saying it poses a hazard to park visitors.

The conservation society has since been working to right the tree with a brace system, funded by donations from the public. The total cost of the project is an estimated $250,000.

In August, the society said the project had lost momentum because of funding shortfalls and engineering delays. A request for more time to complete the tree's restoration was submitted for approval in September.

Group of migrants intercepted by RCMP

CRIME Dozens of would-be migrants found on board a vessel near Victoria have been taken by ferry to Vancouver on their way to an unknown corrections facility.

Canada Border Services Agency spokesman Rob Johnston says the people found on board the vessel, displaying the name Ocean Lady, will undergo examinations to determine their admissibility to Canada.

On Saturday, border service officials said 76 males were found on the Ocean Lady, and the federal public safety minister has suggested they may be from Sri Lanka.

PHOTO COURTESY OF THE RCMP

Would-be migrants aboard the Ocean Lady near Victoria before being boarded by the RCMP emergency response team.

No other details about the people on the ship, including their age or how they ended up on a vessel sailing toward Canada, have been released.

The ship was boarded Friday by an armed RCMP emergency response team in waters near Port Renfrew, off Vancouver Island, and towed to Victoria.

Canadian officials say they had been watching the vessel since Thursday when it was reported to be nearing entry into Canadian waters.

The discovery has prompted speculation the seizure could be a case of human smuggling or that the people on board the ship, who told authorities they wanted to come to Canada, may be planning to claim refugee status.

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Province wants public input on Evergreen Line

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STYLE Designers of the proposed Evergreen Line want the public's help determining whether each station should blend into, or stand out from, existing neighbourhoods.

The province wants public feedback on the preliminary design of the proposed 11-kilometre Evergreen Line that would connect Coquitlam to the Lower Mainland's existing SkyTrain system.

B.C. announced the preliminary design consultation period on Friday and is hosting a half dozen open houses, the first of which ran Saturday in Port Moody. Construction on the estimated $1.4-billion line is expected to begin next year and run through 2014.

The Line will use SkyTrain technology (ALRT), which is almost twice as fast as LRT (Light Rail Transit) and has lower operating costs. It will, however, cost about $150 million more than and a comparable LRT system.

A survey, available online at evergreenline.gov.bc.ca, wants to know what stations people would use most often and what facilities those stations should contain.

There are also questions about the approach to station design, whether or not they should look uniform and whether they should blend into neighbourhoods.

2 more sex assault charges added to Boden's rap sheet

CRIME Former B.C. Lions player Josh Boden is facing two more charges of sexual assault, adding to two similar charges laid last month, police have announced.

A 22-year-old woman has come forward, claiming a man sexually assaulted her in the elevator of a downtown Vancouver office building on Aug. 13, police say. A second report has been filed by a 39-year-old woman, who claims she was sexually assaulted on a SkyTrain escalator on Aug. 25.

Boden was already facing two other charges of sexual assault and one count of resisting arrest.

When he was released on bail on Sept. 24, police issued a rare public warning saying he may pose a threat to women.

Last year, Boden was charged with assaulting his former girlfriend, Kimberly Hallgarth, but was acquitted of the charge.

Hallgarth was found dead in her Burnaby home the following March. Boden's next court appearance is scheduled for Wednesday.

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Man found dead on Surrey sidewalk

DEATH Police in Surrey are investigating the discovery of a body found near 108th Avenue and 152nd Street early yesterday morning.

The victim, a man believed to be in his mid-20s, was found dead on the sidewalk around 5:30 a.m. It's unclear how he died or if foul play is suspected.

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Fat Duck **Chef Blumenthal**

STEVE RUSSELL/FOR METRO VANCOUVER

World-renown chef Heston Blumenthal at the International Culinary School at the Art Institute of Vancouver last night. The owner of the three-Michelin Star restaurant, The Fat Duck, was in Vancouver to promote a line of home sous vide equipment.

Selinger to replace Doer as Manitoba premier
Greg Selinger has been picked as Manitoba's next premier. Selinger was chosen Saturday by about 2,000 delegates at the provincial NDP leadership convention to replace Gary Doer. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canada

Inquiry bill more than $500K

Feds spent big cash defending Mounties named in airport Tasering

The federal government spent more than half a million dollars defending the RCMP and the actions of the four officers who stunned Robert Dziekanski with a Taser at Vancouver's airport.

The force and each of the four officers had lawyers at the public inquiry into Dziekanski's death, which began in January and finished with closing submissions last week.

The Polish immigrant's fatal confrontation with police on Oct. 14, 2007, has been a source of intense criticism for the RCMP and the four officers and for police use of Tasers, fuelled in large part by an infamous amateur video of the incident.

The Justice Department had billed the RCMP more than $373,000 in legal fees to represent the force at the inquiry as of July 31, according to documents obtained under federal access to information laws.

The RCMP and the four Mounties were named in a lawsuit filed by Dziekanski's mother earlier this month.

It's not clear who will pay the officers' legal fees in that case.

The officers' lawyers were hired just days before the inquiry was set to begin in January, and the inquiry has taken far longer than anticipated. Initially, the hearings were expected to be finished by the spring.

Ravi Hira, who represents Const. Kwesi Millington, the Mountie who fired the Taser, said it wasn't his place to comment on the RCMP's decision to pay the officers' legal fees.

"In terms of cost, you have seen the length of the inquiry, you know the amount of time that we're talking about here," said Hira.

The RCMP couldn't be reached for comment.

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Billable hours

- Lawyers for the officers had together cost the RCMP about $200,000 by the end of August, according to the documents.
- Those figures were tallied during a three-month summer break, which was ordered in June to investigate an internal RCMP email that raised questions about the officers' testimony. Since then, there have been several days of hearings in September and final submissions this month. And lawyers for three of the officers are also heading to the British Columbia Court of Appeal in December to challenge the inquiry's authority to make findings of misconduct against them.

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Munster, Ont. **Fall fashion**

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Six-month-old Airelle McDonald sits in a pumpkin costume, surrounded by pumpkins at Saunders Farm in Munster, Ont., just west of Ottawa yesterday.

Auditor to report on Infoway

HEALTH The eHealth scandal in Ontario that recently rocked the provincial government may have been a dress rehearsal for its larger counterpart at the federal level.

The troubled Canada Health Infoway Inc., which like its provincial cousin is trying to convert medical records into electronic form, gets a long-awaited report card next month from the auditor general of Canada.

And so far, the prognosis is poor for the secretive agency, which has already swallowed $1.6 billion of federal money and was promised $500 million more this year by Health Canada. THE CANADIAN PRESS

'Town hall' brings hefty invoice

POLITICS The Harper government spent well over $100,000 staging a one-hour event in June to deliver an update on its efforts to help the recession-ravaged economy.

Invoices obtained by The Canadian Press through the Access to Information Act show a nominal bill to taxpayers of $108,000 for the carefully scripted "town hall" meeting in Cambridge, Ont.

The June 11 event turned what the opposition Liberals had hoped would be an uncomfortable exercise in government transparency into a slick campaign-style rally for Conservative party faithful.

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Critique

- Critics say it's just the latest example of what they're calling a Tory penchant for leveraging public money for partisan gain.

News in brief

MONEY A Montreal firm landed a federal stimulus contract while a top Tory organizer and senator was on the payroll, The Canadian Press has learned.

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Barn collapses, kills 10 in China
A state news agency says a barn in southwest China collapsed, killing 10 people and injuring nine Saturday while workers were receiving grains from farmers. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

World

Woman arrested in kidnapping scam

Egyptian police say they have arrested a woman who had claimed she was kidnapped together with her cousin in hopes of bilking relatives out of the $55,000 US in ransom. Police in the southern city of Luxor told reporters yesterday that the 20-year-old woman had come up with the kidnapping scheme with her father to extract the money from the wealthy parents of her four-year-old cousin. They wanted the money to help out her father and pay for her wedding plans. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Brazil defends security plans

RIO DE JANEIRO Brazilian officials are insisting security won't be a problem for the 2016 Olympics despite drug-gang violence that plunged Rio de Janeiro into a day of bloody chaos just two weeks after it was picked to host the games. An hourslong firefight between rival gangs in one of the city's slums killed at least 12 people, injured six and saw a police helicopter shot down and eight buses set on fire Saturday. Two officers died and four were injured when bullets from the gang battle ripped into their helicopter hovering overhead, forcing it into a fiery crash landing. Authorities said the violence would only toughen their resolve to improve security ahead of the Olympics and before 2014, when Brazil will host the World Cup soccer tournament. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Philippines prepares for storm

TYPHOON Philippine disaster response agencies packed tons of food aid, readied helicopters and prepared a massive evacuation plan in the north yesterday Typhoon Lupit threatened the country only weeks after back-to-back storms killed more than 800 people. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Violence flares in Iran

Rebel group hits powerful military unit near Pakistani border

A suicide bomber killed five senior commanders of the powerful Iranian Revolutionary Guard and at least 37 others yesterday near the Pakistani border in the heartland of a potentially escalating Sunni insurgency.

The attack — which also left dozens wounded — was the most high-profile strike against security forces in an outlaw region of armed tribal groups, drug smugglers and Sunni rebels known as Jundallah, or Soldiers of God.

President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad promised sharp retaliation.

But a sweeping offensive by authorities is unlikely. Iranian officials have been reluctant to open full-scale military operations in the southeastern border zone, fearing it could become a hotspot for sectarian violence with the potential to draw in al-Qaida and Sunni militants from nearby Pakistan and Afghanistan

In an attempt to boost security in the region, Iran in April put the Revolutionary Guard directly in control of the Sistan-Baluchistan Province in Iran's southeastern corner. In May, Jundallah said it sent a suicide bomber into a Shiite mosque in the southeastern city of Zahedan, killing 25 worshippers. The latest attack, however, would mark the group's highest-level target. The 120,000-strong Guard also controls Iran's missile program, guards its nuclear facilities and has its own ground, naval and air units. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Blame game

- Iranian state TV accused Britain of supporting Jundallah, without providing any evidence. The Revolutionary Guard blamed the attack on what it called the "global arrogance," a reference to the United States.

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More delays in Afghan election process

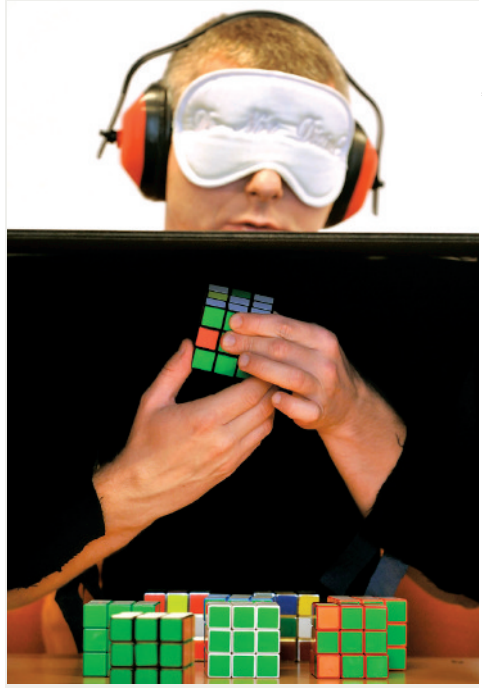
KABUL Afghanistan's electoral crisis was prolonged yesterday as the results of an inquiry into vote-rigging allegations were yet again withheld from the public.

High-level meetings continued to be held in Kabul between international representatives and the two men vying for the country's presidency. Afghan officials have hinted that the audit of the Aug. 20 presidential election results could drop President Hamid Karzai's share of the vote below the 50 per cent mark needed to avoid a run-off.

Much of the discussion in Kabul is said to be aimed at convincing Karzai to accept the findings of the Electoral Complaints Commission, a five-member body headed by Ottawa native Grant Kippen. However, a run-off cannot be ordered without the consent of the Independent Election Commission, which is heavily staffed with Karzai supporters.

There is further speculation that the international community may be pushing for a unity government in order to restore legitimacy to the country's government. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Hungary **Puzzling behaviour**



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A participant in the annual Rubik Cube Hungarian Open Championships solves nine cubes blindfolded after memorizing all of them in Budapest, Hungary, yesterday.

News in brief

MEXICO Hurricane Rick, the strongest eastern North Pacific storm in more than a decade, raged across open seas yesterday, but forecasters said it could veer into resorts at the tip of the Baja California Peninsula by midweek. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Comment

There is an art to being a flu diva

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Anne Hines

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Recently, a local newspaper headline read, "Will H1N1 shots come in time?" The answer? "Not for this girl, they won't."

I have the flu. I don't know if it's swine flu. Which, of course, we're not supposed to call "swine" anymore because it's insensitive to farm animals ... or men who behave badly ... I can't remember which. What I do know for sure is that when you have it you don't really care what it's called.

Traditional wisdom says there's nothing I can do now except rest and "push liquids." My friend Rob is a great believer in this. He takes a shot of whiskey at the first sign of a flu. Also the second, third, fourth and fifth. Another friend, Laurie, says her family remedy of choice was rum laced with lemon and honey. Did it cure you? "Sure," she said. "Or if it didn't, you didn't really care."

Those who claim rest and liquids are all a sick person can do to feel better are missing one other important option. You can also whine, complain, and generally arrange to be waited on hand and foot. Being struck by flu is your excuse to become "Diva for a day."

There is an art to effective demanding. You need

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to hit that fine line between what will get you a response of, "I'll do that for you right away, my poor sick honey," or "I'm leaving you here to die alone."

I will illustrate:

Me: (making pathetic groaning noises as if every cell in my body is infested by some horrible disease. Which, as it happens, is the case.)

My partner, Liz: Can I get you anything?

Me: No, no. Just ... (faltering a little) ... remember me as I was.

Liz: OK.

Me: But maybe ... a little orange juice.

Liz: Juice. No problem.

Me: Fresh-squeezed is nice.

Liz: I'll get oranges.

Me: In my favourite ... you know...

Liz: Xena, Warrior Princess glass. Got it.

Me: Served with warm homemade biscuits and that marmalade we saw in the gourmet shop in Tuscany.

Liz: You're on your own, Sunshine.

Now many of you may be asking, "Does demanding attention really make you feel better?" The answer, of course, is, "Darn right it does."

This flu will run its course soon. In the meantime, I'm going to have to be satisfied with that ol' "rest and liquids" and, if I manage it, someone to fetch me my bunny slippers.

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Views

Olympic Line deserves TransLink's support

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When Canadian transportation firm Bombardier announced last week that two of its sleek rail trams were being shipped to Vancouver from Brussels as part of the Olympic Line streetcar project, there should have been some serious cheering on the West Coast.

There was a celebration, all right, but it took place in Belgium. The good folks of Brussels, who are loaning the vehicles, are happy to see their modern streetcars receiving some big-time Winter Games exposure in February 2010.

Back in British Columbia, however, there has hardly been a peep from our political masters. And the silence coming from TransLink has been deafening.

It seems Vancouver's streetcar push can't get any love, nor funding, from our regional transportation authority. That is not only a shame, it also represents a mistake on TransLink's part.

The Olympic Line should be heralded for its vision of urban transit and its environmental friendliness. For two months starting in January, it will connect the Olympic Village Canada Line station to Granville Island.

We are not just talking about a neighbourhood people-mover here. As Dale Bracewell, the city of Vancouver's director of Olympics transportation told me recently, the Olympic Line would serve the entire region, not just fast-growing neighbourhoods around False Creek. "It opens up transit as a choice well beyond the boundaries of Vancouver," he said.

That's because an expanded streetcar network would ultimately connect not only to the Canada Line, but to SkyTrain, SeaBus and West Coast Express. It would also create long-overdue choices for otherwise fickle commuters.

"It's taking transit to a place for people who don't want to take buses — for people who would otherwise drive or take a cab, but just don't want to take a bus," said Bracewell.

TransLink's bean counters might argue that they have other funding priorities, but they should remind themselves of this: Measured by passengers carried, the modern streetcar comes out ahead of rival forms of transport in terms of cost, comfort and green credentials. For proof, look no further than Portland.

The problem is, our provincial and federal governments can't fund the streetcar — even in this era of economic stimulus spending — if TransLink doesn't give its public blessings. That, sadly, could leave the project on life support when the Winter Games conclude.

And what a lamentable Olympic legacy that would be.

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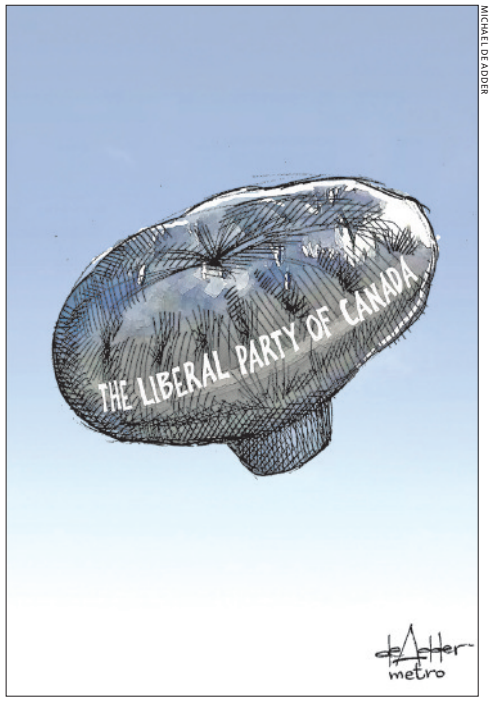

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Business

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Getting with the 'prepaid' program

Consumers who want smartphones like BlackBerrys and iPhones will be tied to longer contracts and the subsidies that come with them to bring down the cost until pricing and shopping habits change, analysts say.

Prepaid phones dominate globally, but in North America and especially Canada, it usually applies to only basic cellphones.

"Canadians are not used to cellphones costing a lot of money," said PC magazine analyst Sascha Segan. "Smartphones without subsidies are expensive devices."

A BlackBerry on its own without a subsidy, depending on the model, can cost up to $700.

"Canadians are not used to cellphones costing a lot of money."
Sascha Segan, analyst

That's the reason prepaid customers are generally carrying around less powerful and less expensive mobile phones, said Segan, managing editor of mobile at PCMag Digital Network in New York.

Segan noted that in the United States, he knows of only one carrier that offers a prepaid BlackBerry for $50 a month with unlimited talk and text, email and web browsing but consumers have to pay $450 US up front for the phone.

But in some countries, 85 per cent of people have prepaid phones, he said.

And major players like Nokia, Samsung and BlackBerry maker Research In Motion are in the prepaid market globally.

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Wal-Mart battles with book retailers

PRICE WAR Wal-Mart Stores Inc. launched a full-fledged price war with Amazon.com Inc. and a nation of book retailers, lowering prices on certain highly anticipated hardback titles to $9 US.

The volley of discounts, which began Thursday when the retailer listed prices for some upcoming hardcover releases at $10 US, was answered with a similar price cut by Amazon, the largest online bookseller. Then the two competitors lowered the prices even further to $9.

Observers say the discounts, the latest in a series of aggressive online manoeuvres by the world's largest retailer, could position it to forever change the online marketplace. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Barbie Left on the shelf

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In this October photo, a display of Barbie merchandise by Mattel is seen at a Toys "R" Us in the United States. Toy maker Mattel Inc.'s third-quarter profit declined three per cent due to a tough economy that is still dampening demand for toys.

Business in brief

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Survey says
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Small Business

Did you know?

Whether you are purchasing an existing business or starting one, the first few years are the most crucial, requiring planning, hard work and luck. The first steps towards success are to make sure you have a solid business plan and that your financing is in order. NEWS CANADA

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Pillars of Canada's economy

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Small businesses are more than the thriving backbone of Canada's economy — they are a testament to the resourcefulness and talent of an increasing number of Canadians.

Defined by Industry Canada as business entities with fewer than 100 employees, small businesses comprise about 98 per cent of all businesses in Canada, proof that entrepreneurs and the self-employed are a fundamental pillar of the Canadian economy.

Still, running a small business can be challenging even in the best of times. Statistics Canada figures show that every year, roughly 150,000 new small businesses are started by Canadians and about 130,000 close down. Less than three-quarters of small businesses survive their first year on average across the country, and only about one-in-five survive until their ninth year. Numbers are lowest in Atlantic Canada, with only 61 per cent of small businesses surviving their first year, and 15 per cent surviving to their ninth year.

Those numbers may scare even the brave, but with more than 2.35 million small businesses in operation throughout Canada, the overall state of small business in Canada appears healthy.

The face of small businesses ownership in Canada is also changing. While precise figures are hard to obtain, Statistics Canada estimates 47 per cent of small and medium-sized businesses had at least some female ownership and about 38 per cent of such businesses were majority owned by women. While women still obviously lag behind men in businesses ownership, more women than men are starting their own businesses, with the number of self-employed women having grown by 23 per cent in the last 10 years compared to 20 per cent growth for men.

"There's an increasing trend in terms of women owning their own businesses." Michel Bergeron

"There's an increasing trend in terms of women owning their own businesses," said Michel Bergeron, vice-president of corporate relations for the Business Development Bank of Canada. "They are the fastest-growing segment of entrepreneurs."

Bergeron believes reduced barriers to starting a business and the prevalence of more female entrepreneurs as role models have been big factors in the rise of women leaders of small business.

Despite the recent recession, small businesses in Canada have weathered the storm well, according to Ted Mallett, vice-president of research at the Canadian Federation of Independent Business.

"Business bankruptcies did not increase during the recession. Small firms as a group came through relatively unscathed," Mallett said.

Most importantly, small businesses did not shed as many employees as larger firms did, preferring instead to offer employees creative solutions like half-days and part-time employment in order to retain them for the eventual economic recovery.

"Entrepreneurs were quite agile in adjusting to the economic environment — they were resilient from an employment perspective," Bergeron said.

Across Canada, 59 per cent of businesses are located in Ontario and Quebec, roughly 35 per cent are located in the Western provinces, around 6 per cent are in Atlantic Canada, and only 0.3 per cent are in the Northern territories.

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Sea otters transform B.C. coast

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When Captain James Cook "discovered" Vancouver Island and the Nuu-chan-nulth people in 1778, he also discovered sea otters and their fantastically valuable fur.

The ensuing Maritime Fur Trade drove B.C. otter populations to extinction, only to return when nuclear bomb testing in Alaska in the late 1960s prompted a series of relocations.

More than 200 years after Cook's discovery, the drama he initiated continues to unfold.

On the west coast of Vancouver Island sea otters grew rapidly — they just repopulated the famous Clayoquot Sound around Tofino.

But not everyone is happy to see them.

Otters eat many different kinds of shellfish, which — in the 150-year absence of otters — became economic and cultural mainstays of coastal communities. For shellfish fishermen, otters are weasel-like pests eating their livelihoods.

At the same time, by eating plant-eating sea urchins, otters may be providing a great service to people. Without sea otters, urchin populations exploded and clear-cut vast expanses of undersea kelp forests.

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Marine ecologist Stefan Dick holds a red sea urchin likely more than 100 years old.

And kelps are crucial to coastal ecosystems: they provide habitat and food for many species, supporting diverse food webs that include herring, rockfish, lingcod, salmon, eagles and seabirds.

Change can be difficult. Although sea otters are protected by Canada's Species At Risk Act, some people are harassing and killing them.

But change is also an opportunity, here to restore a natural ecosystem and to create new economies. Plan a trip to the west coast of Vancouver Island to visit our coastal communities and see first hand these charismatic predators and the marine ecosystems they are transforming. While you're there, please be respectful — of otters and fishermen.

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JAMES THOMPSON

A male sea otter rests in the sunset near Kyuquot.

Sea otters

- Sea otters are the only marine mammals without blubber. Instead, they keep warm by having a very high metabolism — they consume approximately 25 per cent of their body weight, daily.
- The spectacularly dense fur for which otters were hunted is also an adaptation for staying warm — by impregnating with air otters create dry suits for themselves.
- Approximately 50 otters were reintroduced near Kyuquot in early 1970s. Today about 3,000 animals range between Tofino and northern Vancouver Island.

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Sports

Button locks up F1 crown

Jenson Button, left, won his first Formula One title with a fifth-place finish at the Brazilian Grand Prix yesterday, taking advantage of mishaps by the other title contenders in a race won by Red Bull's Mark Webber. The fifth-place was good enough to give Button an insurmountable 17-point lead in the drivers' standings ahead of the season-ending race in Abu Dhabi on Nov. 1. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Falcons best Bears

NFL Chicago made another huge mistake in the red zone, and the Atlanta Falcons held on for another wild victory over the Bears.

Michael Turner scored the go-ahead touchdown on an otherwise forgettable night, powering over from five yards with 3:06 remaining, and the defence held at the end to preserve a 21-14 victory last night.

Matt Ryan threw two touchdown passes to help the Falcons (4-1) match the best five-game start in franchise history.

"We had a lot of opportunities to win this football game," Chicago coach Lovie Smith said. "You can't make those kind of mistakes. When you get the ball in the red zone, you need to get points."

Elsewhere in NFL action yesterday it was Patriots 59, Titans 0; Vikings 33, Ravens 31; Saints 48, Giants 27; Panthers 28, Buccaneers 21; Texans 28, Bengals 17; Steelers 27, Browns 14; Packers 26, Lions 0; Chiefs 14, Redskins 6; Jaguars 23, Rams 20 (OT); Raiders 13, Eagles 9; Cardinals 27, Seahawks 3; Bills 16, Jets 13 (OT).

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Lions rally for win

CFL RESULTS

Lions 24 Bombers 21

For a guy making his season debut in Week 16, B.C. Lions running back A.J. Harris looks anything but rusty.

Harris scored the game-winning touchdown in the Lions' 24-21 come-from-behind win yesterday over the Winnipeg Blue Bombers.

The key touchdown came on a 30-yard pass from quarterback Travis Lulay at 2:03 of the fourth quarter following a Bomber turnover in front of 24,048 fans at Canad Inns Stadium.

Harris, replacing injured starter Martel Mallet, was signed by the Lions on Aug. 3 after playing 12 games with the Edmonton Eskimos last season. They released him in April.

"I was absolutely blessed to get the chance to play again," said Harris, 25.

"On that play, I just got lucky enough to get right in (Lulay's) sights, he threw it to me and I had a straight shot."

Harris rushed 21 times for 89 yards and led his team in receiving with five catches for 92 yards.

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NLCS Phillies take the lead

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Philadelphia Phillie Jayson Werth is congratulated by his teammates after hitting a home run against the Los Angeles Dodgers last night. The Phillies won 11-0 to take a 2-1 lead in the NLCS.

'A penalty? Maybe. But a red card? Ridiculous'

WHITECAPS As sounds of celebration and throbbing dance music filled the Montreal Impact's locker-room Saturday, barely 10 feet away the Vancouver Whitecaps players and staff shuffled out of their room one-by-one, heads down.

Vancouver's reign as USL First Division champions came to a disappointing end, with a 3-1 second-leg defeat to Canadian rival Montreal.

The 2008 champions needed a two-goal lead in Saturday's ultimate game, but saw that amount escalate after Montreal's Tony Donatelli scored on a penalty shot in the 30th minute to spark a series of three straight Impact goals.

The penalty also led to a Whitecaps red card when defenceman Shaun Pejic challenged the official's decision.

Vancouver captain Martin Nash received a red card in the first leg.

Visibly dazed after the defeat as Montreal hoisted its third title, coach Teitur Thordarson told reporters he couldn't figure out how his team had received another red card.

"The red card totally destroyed the game," said the coach. "Our defender was the first on the ball and they take the ball away from us."

Pejic raced with Donatelli for the ball in the box but appeared to slide on the Impact midfielder's feet, causing him to trip. Referee Dae Gantar called the penalty, the defenceman kept protesting and the official ejected him.

"A penalty? Maybe. But a red card? Ridiculous," said Thordarson. "It's just strange." THE CANADIAN PRESS

It's Called Football

Ben Rycroft

Will return next week

Sports in brief

STABBING A University of Connecticut football player died yesterday morning following a stabbing after an on-campus dance, hours after the team's victory over Louisville. Twenty-year-old Jasper Howard, a starting cornerback, and a second person were stabbed during a fight early yesterday, police said.

CFL Anthony Calvillo threw two touchdown passes before leaving the game with a tightening in his calf and the Montreal Alouettes still held on for a 41-38 victory yesterday that dealt a blow to the Hamilton Tiger-Cats' playoff hopes. The Tiger-Cats lost their fourth straight and continue fighting the Winnipeg Blue Bombers for second in the East Division.

FOOTBALL After a steady climb, Alabama has reached the top of the AP poll. The Crimson Tide jumped Florida and landed at No. 1 in The Associated Press Top 25 yesterday.

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Cape Breton University launches new website

Late last month, Cape Breton University introduced a new website. The homepage of the vibrant, easy-to-navigate site is dominated by a large, colourful graphic banner which visitors can manipulate by clicking on the thumbnails below. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Workology

Atlantic Canada back on track

According to the Association of Atlantic Universities' 2009-10 Preliminary Survey of Enrolments, the region's universities experienced a 1.5 per cent (year-over-year) increase in undergraduate enrolment, ending a four-year decline in this category. Universities also saw a 5.4 per cent rise in the number of graduate students, a 16.5 per cent increase in international student enrolment, and a 0.4 per cent hike in registrations among first-year students. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Brews and bullishness

Why Mexicans **Don't Drink Molson**

Author: Andrea Mandel-Campbell
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It's a sad and frustrating tale that in Canada, the top beer drunk is not Canadian. Its America's King of Beers, Budweiser that holds that spot. So how then could we even expect our businesses to be represented in the global market place when we don't even consume our own brands with loyalty?

Author, Andrea Mandel-Campbell's book Why Mexicans Don't Drink Molson, is a sobering look at the performance of Canadian business in the global market place. One of the reason's I chose this book for discussion at my company's upcoming book club is that this title takes a look at the Canadian way of doing business up until 2008 when it was published. Mandel-Campbell noted that Canadians have not been bold or aggressive enough to go after a global market and for this reason earned the reputation of being overly prudent and risk averse. Fast forward to today where you see Canadian Banks Juggernauted to the upper echelon of the banking world and being heralded for mostly avoiding the global financial meltdown.

This book is a major wake-up call. Given the current opportunity we have, Canada has been given a second chance to take on the world. Great book, a must read if you plan on launching a global empire.

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BookReview

Is your small business ready for tax season?

Small Business Week

KATE MCCAFFERY
for Metro Canada

It's been a rough year of lay-offs and downsizing for a lot of Canadians. As the labour market imploded and shed jobs, many former employees who found themselves out on the street decided to manage the situation by going into business for themselves.

Even if the arrangement only lasted for a few months, those who did move into self-employment this year, particularly those who made money, have a few things to put in place or consider before tax season. (It's not that far away.)

H&R Block Canada's senior tax analyst, Cleo Hamel and CIBC's Jamie Golombek, managing director of tax and estate planning at the bank's private wealth management division, say there are several things a newly or suddenly self-employed person should do when starting out.

If you're one of the many people who have pondered starting your own business in these times of financial crisis, take note of the advice found in this article.

• **Keep clear records:** A number of expenses can be claimed to offset income and reduce taxes at the end of the year, but many can be lost or the details forgotten if simply kept in a shoebox filing system. As well, keeping track of income earned is vitally important to avoid any unpleasant surprises, given that income tax is no longer being deducted ahead of time.

• **Track all sources of income:** Not only will it be necessary to pay the income tax bill employers once made deductions to cover, severance packages can push people into higher tax brackets, which in turn allows the CRA to demand a much larger chunk of any additional income earned. At the same time, those who've received Employment Insurance payments at any point during the year could owe money — Hamel says EI generally only withholds 10 per cent for tax purposes, even though federal tax rates start at 15 per cent.

• **Open a separate bank account for tax liabilities:** In addition to income taxes, those with self-employment income exceeding $30,000 a year will need to collect and remit GST to the government on a quarterly basis. "Cash flow can be an issue," she says. "You need to make sure the money is there and ready to go if you have obligations." A separate payroll account may also be needed if there are plans in place to hire staff for the business.

• **Get professional help:** "It doesn't hurt to sit down with a qualified accountant who specializes in small business to discuss general tax planning, severance, withholding tax or the need to pay," says Golombek. He adds that CanadaBusiness.ca is a good website for general information. "There are a lot of great resources available for business owners."

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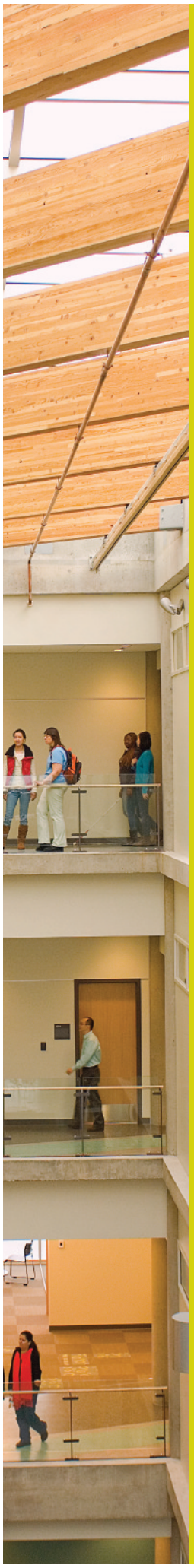

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Christine Hart tries to make dating better for everyone who asks.

The first business Christine Hart launched was a casting agency. She liked the thrill of running a successful business well enough, but she really loved it when the actors dropped by her office and chatted about their love lives.

Hart, 36, now spends all of her time doing just that as one of Canada's few dating coaches. But since she had to invent the job on her own, it took her a few steps to get there.

She sold the Toronto-based casting agency after nearly four years and moved back to her hometown of Calgary — she missed the mountains and wanted to be able to buy a home.

That was early 2002, when speed dating was just taking off. On impulse, she called a friend and asked her if she wanted to start hosting events.

The two launched Six Minute Dates soon after and Hart ran it for six years. During that time, she got to be known as an expert on dating and the singles scene. Feeling restless, Hart wondered what her next launch would be. Then she and a friend saw the Will Smith movie Hitch by accident — the one they wanted to see was sold out.

"That's what I do," Hart told her friend when the movie about a "date doctor" was over. It had never occurred to her that anyone could help people with their dating lives as a career in itself. So she started YourDateCoach. com and sold the speed dating business in late 2007.

Now, she works with clients one-on-one, either in person or over the phone. Singles sign up for a minimum of four hour-long sessions. Hart talks to them about what they're looking for, gives them dating tips and sometimes homework. "I think dating should be fun and should lead to a healthy relationship. It doesn't have to be this arduous work."

As well, she runs workshops on things like flirting, and writes articles for her web site and newsletter. Her advice and ideas get results. Her speed dating business alone led to 65 marriages. But Hart doesn't define success just by wedding rings. A victory can be someone breaking their old dating patterns or simply learning to make eye contact.

The Lowdown

Job title: Dating coach
Salary: Charges $387 for four sessions
Education/training: A degree in communications, hands-on experience with singles and a lifetime of listening and giving advice.
Best part of the Job: "Meeting clients who are so frustrated and then there's a turnaround. Bringing more peace into people's lives."
Worst part of the Job: "Defining exactly what I do, I do so many things."

Diane Peters once hawked magic pens at the Canadian National Exhibition. She's now a writer and part-time journalism instructor.

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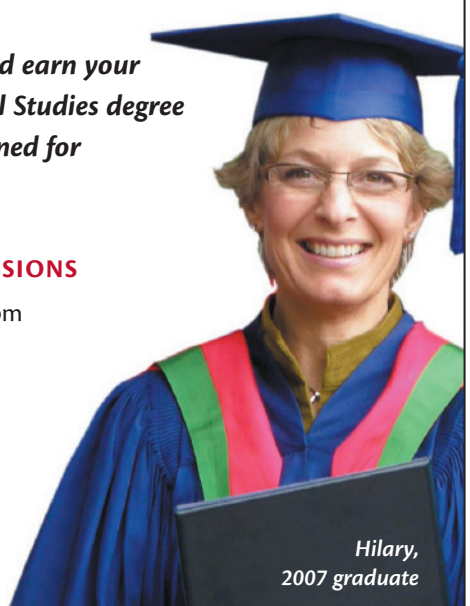

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Jolie for Theron?
Angelina Jolie is in negotiations to replace Charlize Theron in the Hollywood remake of the 2005 cult French film Anthony Zimmer, to be retitled The Tourist. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Entertainment

Cyrus in the City
Miley Cyrus is definitely in Sex and the City 2. The Hannah Montana star, 17, was spotted on the sequel's NYC set on Friday. Penelope Cruz and Liza Minnelli also appear in the film. USMAGAZINE.COM

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Box office

Following are the top 10 films at the North American box office for the weekend beginning Oct. 16, according to studio estimates:

1. **Where the Wild Things Are:** $32.5 million US
2. **Law Abiding Citizen:** $21.2 million
3. **Paranormal Activity:** $20.2 million
4. **Couples Retreat:** $17.9 million
5. **The Stepfather:** $12.3 million
6. **Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs:** $ 8.1 million
7. **Zombieland:** $7.8 million
8. **Toy Story/Toy Story 2:** $3.0 million
9. **Surrogates:** $1.9 million
10. **The Invention of Lying:** $ 1.9 million

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Mulligan gets best of Education

ADAM NAYMAN
for Metro Canada

It has been said that casting is everything, and there's no question that the critically acclaimed drama An Education owes much of its success to director Lone Scherfig's choice of Carey Mulligan for the lead role.

An Education opens in theatres Friday

The 24-year-old actress had only appeared in a handful of small film roles when Scherfig tapped her for the demanding part of Jenny, a 16-year-old schoolgirl drawn into a relationship with an older man (Peter Sarsgaard) against the drab backdrop of early '60s England.

"There's a slight resemblance between her and Lynn Barber, the woman whose memoir was the basis for the film," explains Scherfig during an interview at this year's Toronto International Film Festival. "But it wasn't about how she looked. Carey has strength and fragility at the same time.

"She's not overschooled in any way. She doesn't have an acting education, but she makes good choices and has good taste. It was a big part and a long shoot, but I thought that she could handle it."

Mulligan concurs that she was up for the challenge of carrying the film — partially because she refused to really see it in those terms.

Carey Mulligan and Peter Sarsgaard star in An Education.

"I know Jenny is in every scene," says the London native, "but I never thought of her as the lead of the film. It's only in retrospect that I can see how much I'm in it. Lone made it feel like such an ensemble piece. So I always thought that Peter or Alfred (Molina) would carry the film. I just never felt that pressure, or like I was on my own. But a couple of days before Sundance, I started to think 'Crikey, if this is bad, then it's my fault.'"

Given that Mulligan is being discussed as an Oscar darkhorse, it's clear that she held up her end of the bargain: Her performance is deeply felt even if the film's plot machinery is a bit creaky.

"I was really able to relate to Jenny around the frustration of education for its own sake," says Mulligan. "Even when I went abroad to boarding school, I never felt like I was learning anything for myself.

"We went to really cool places with school, but we were always thinking about how we could get out, and get a drink."

I Killed My Mother best film at VIFF

FESTIVAL Montreal filmmaker Xavier Dolan's much praised first feature film has won the Vancouver International Film Festival's jury prize for best Canadian film.

Dolan's I Killed My Mother (J'ai tue ma mere), about a young gay man's relationship with his mother, was selected from 19 films in the competition at the 16-day festival.

The film got its major debut at the Cannes Film Festival to wide acclaim earlier this year.

The top audience award went to Soundtrack for a Revolution by U.S. filmmaker Bill Guttentag, while the Canadian-produced Facing Ali, directed by Pete McCormack, won the audience award for most popular non-fiction film.

The award for most promising director of a Canadian short film went to Montreal's Jan Binsse and David Tougas for The Last Act (Le dernier acte).

B.C. filmmakers Nimisha Mukerji and Gillian Lowry won the artistic merit award, given annually by Women in Film and Television Vancouver, for 65 Red Roses. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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A vampire wannabe guide

The New Vampire's Handbook

Authors: The Vampire Miles Proctor
Publisher: Villard
Price: $17.99 (Paperback)

Living as a vampire may appear sexy and alluring in popular culture, but for a first-timer, knowing where to look for fresh blood or how to tailor your gothic appearance can be a challenge… not to mention how to survive social adaptation after your 100th birthday. That's why The Vampire Miles Proctor has released this how-to guide, ideal for the fang-equipped immortal to understand his bloodsucking side. This comic blueprint spells out every need-to-know vampire tips, including Five Steps for a Successful Feeding.

The Bohemian Girl

Author: Kenneth Cameron
Publisher: Orion Books
Price: $24.95 (Paperback)

A letter addressed to American author Denton found behind the frame of a painting propels a tale of mystery and madness in the streets of Edwardian London in Kenneth Cameron's latest mystery novel. The letter is from a young woman, expressing the dangerous circumstances in which she finds herself. Unsure of whether she has survived after receiving the letter months after it was sent, former lawyer Denton dives relentlessly into the case. What he discovers is the eccentric English artist community, where lunacy isn't a rarity.

Frostbitten

Author: Kelly Armstrong
Publisher: Random House Canada
Price: $32 (Hardcover)

There's something rotten in the secretive Otherworld, and it's up to Elena Michaels to figure it out. The sexy she-wolf is the sole woman werewolf in the world, befit with the attributes of intelligence, inhabiting the supernatural world and having her pick of mystical mates. When she and beau Clayton Danvers venture to Alaska to figure out who has been devouring humans (thereby blowing the Otherworld's cover), the pair is faced with a force less easily conquerable than they imagined.

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BookPicks

Polanski needs medical tests, says lawyer

Roman Polanski

LEGAL One of Roman Polanski's lawyers says the jailed filmmaker is undergoing medical tests, though his current condition "is not of exceptional gravity."

Herve Temime told The Associated Press in a telephone interview that after Saturday's tests Polanski would return to the Swiss prison where he is being held on a U.S. arrest warrant for having sex with a 13-year-old girl in 1977.

The Paris-based lawyer declined to say what kind of exams Polanski had undergone or where they were administered.

Swiss tabloid newspaper Blick printed pictures Saturday of a van it said had whisked the director from the prison the northeastern city of Winterthur to an unnamed Zurich hospital.

Polanski has been in custody since late September. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

In brief

DEATH A Cirque du Soleil performer, who fell off a trampoline during a training session Friday, has died of his injuries. The company said Oleksandr Zhurov (Sacha) died in a Montreal hospital Saturday. The 24-year-old Ukrainian performer was doing general training exercises for the world-famous circus when the incident happened. Cirque founder Guy Laliberte said he was deeply saddened by the death of the artist. "Today, it is all of Cirque that is in mourning," Laliberte said. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

FUNERAL Hundreds of fans crowded streets around a Dublin church Saturday for the funeral of Irish singer Stephen Gately, who died from pulmonary edema, or fluid in the lungs, last week while on vacation on the Spanish resort island of Mallorca. Gately, 33, enjoyed success with boy band Boyzone, a U.K. hitmaker in the 1990s. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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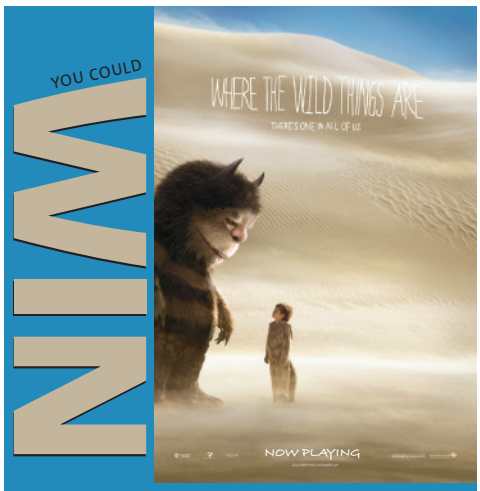
TLC filed a lawsuit against Jon Gosselin Friday, accusing the Jon & Kate Plus 8 star of breach of contract by making paid TV appearances and unauthorized public disclosures about the TLC show, according to The Associated Press. TVGUIDE.COM

Celebrity Buzz



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The Lohan smackdown: Dina tells Michael where it's at

DON'T THEY ALL NEED RESTRAINING ORDERS? Dina Lohan has a message for her ex-husband Michael about some recent interviews, during which he's claimed their daughter Lindsay is abusing prescription pills: Stop discussing Lindsay's private life and focus on yourself, people.com reports.

Michael Lohan visited Maury Povich's daytime talk show in a desperate bid to reach out to troubled daughter Lindsay Lohan.

"There's nothing left of her. I was out in L.A. with her about three weeks ago when she got robbed," he said during the televised interview. "She called me up at 3:30 a.m. and said, 'Daddy, come out here.' I flew out and couldn't even look at her. I had to go outside and cry. When I hugged her, it's just a hollow, hollow person."

Dina lashed back Saturday, telling People: "Michael Lohan needs to focus on being a parent, paying child support, of which he is six months behind, and making up for all the years he was an absentee dad. And stop going on national television talking about his children publicly."

On Saturday, Michael told the photo agency X17, "I'm going to see the judge this week ... If I can't get a conservatorship, then I'm going to take her to an undisclosed location and get her straight. But I know I'm gonna get charged (with) kidnapping."

But while Michael is planning to meet with a judge and seek conservatorship, a source tells People that Lindsay herself plans to turn to the courts and seek a restraining order against her father.

"Lindsay is actively getting a restraining order, her lawyers have already been contacted," says the source.

"She's scared. This is really serious."

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Celebrity tweets

Alyssa Milano wants better manners on Twitter, Diablo Cody knows what she likes, and Jeremy Piven is looking for options at the hair salon.

• @Alyssa_Milano
Tweeps that think my tweets are "boring" & feel the need to tell me so: just unfollow me, no need to be rude & hurt my feelings. Thanks!

• @diablocody
Awake watching Team America. I've seen this movie so many times I'm now just looking for goofs.

• @jeremypiven
Can I have a Brazilian blowout? Oh it just means it reduces the frizz on your jew fro, wah, wah wah....

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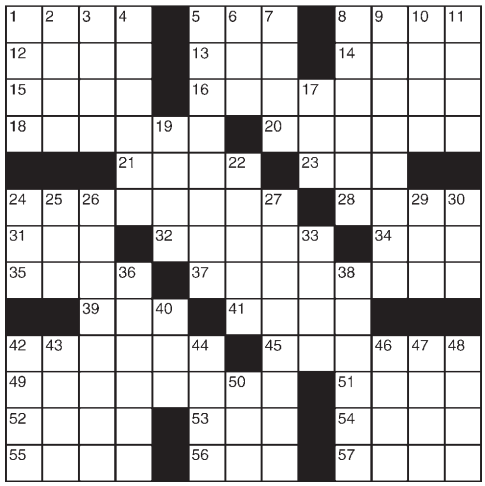

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Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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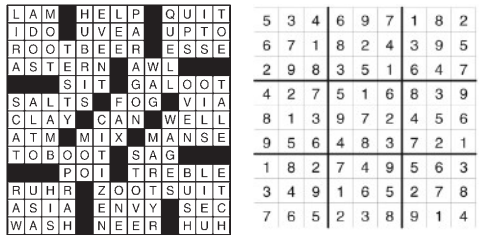

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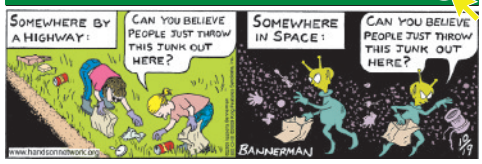
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Steak Fajitas

INGREDIENTS:

1/4 cup (50 ml) orange juice
1/4 cup (50 ml) white vinegar
4 garlic cloves, minced
1 tsp (5 l) seasoned salt
1 tsp (5 l) dried oregano
1 tsp (5 l) ground cumin
1/4 tsp (1 ml) cayenne pepper
1 lb (500 g) boneless sirloin steak, cut into 1/4-in. (0.6 cm) strips
1 medium onion, thinly sliced
1 medium green pepper, thinly sliced
1 medium sweet red pepper, thinly sliced
2 tbsp (25 ml) canola oil, divided
4 to 6 flour tortillas, warmed
Shredded cheddar cheese, picante sauce and sour cream, optional

METHOD:

1. In large resealable plastic bag, combine orange juice, vinegar, garlic and seasonings; add beef. Seal bag and turn to coat; set aside. In skillet, sauté onion and peppers in 1 tbsp (15 ml) oil until crisp-tender; remove and set aside.
2. Drain and discard marinade. In same skillet, cook beef in remaining oil 2-4 minutes or until desired doneness. Return vegetables to pan; heat through.
3. Spoon meat and vegetables onto tortillas. If desired, top with cheese and serve with picante sauce and sour cream.

SERVES 4-6

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ARIES ♈
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
You have fixed your sights on certain goals and you won't give up until you have reached them. Join forces with like-minded people.

TAURUS ♉
APRIL 21-MAY 21
The planets indicate that if you keep your aims within reasonable bounds now success is all but guaranteed.

GEMINI ♊
MAY 22-JUNE 21
Planetary activity in your fellow Air sign of Libra does wonders for your confidence, but other aspects warn that someone is jealous of your success.

CANCER ♋
JUNE 22-JULY 22
Although negative aspects are beginning to wane you would be wise to wait a few days before making any major decisions.

LEO ♌
JULY 23-AUG 23
Make the effort as the week begins to sort out lingering problems with loved ones. Someone has to make the first move.

VIRGO ♍
AUG 24-SEPT 22
Someone in a position of power is very much on your side just now and if you are wise you will make the most of it.

LIBRA ♎
SEPT 23-OCT 23
Creative activities will go well today, but they will go even better if you make a conscious effort to involve other people in what you are doing.

SCORPIO ♏
OCT 24-NOV 22
Make an effort to be sociable today because someone interesting is heading your way. You will feel as if there is a special connection between you.

SAGITTARIUS ♐
NOV 23-DEC 21
It may be that you are at the mercy of events and all you can do is go with the flow but there are still ways you can influence the outcome of events.

CAPRICORN ♑
DEC 22-JAN 20
It's not like you to be impulsive but chances are you are about to throw caution to the wind. You can sense that better times are coming.

AQUARIUS ♒
JAN 21-FEB 18
With both Jupiter and Neptune transiting your sign this is an important time in your life. Now is the time to get serious about changes.

PISCES ♓
FEB 19-MARCH 20
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1864: Confederate raiders launch an attack on Saint Albans, Vermont from Canada.
1873: Yale, Princeton, Columbia, and Rutgers universities draft the first code of American football rules.
2003: Mother Teresa is beatified by Pope John Paul II.
2005: Saddam Hussein goes on trial in Baghdad for crimes against humanity.

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